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SUBJ: MAJOR EXPORT PROJECT: CONSTRUCTION OF GAS

LIQUEFACTION PLANT

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1. EMBOFFS LEARNED OF TEN MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS FROM ENGINEER TOUFIQI, PRESIDENT OF INDUSTRIES, GOA MINISTRY OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES (REFTEL). AMONG THESE IS CONSTRUCTION OF GAS LIQUEFACTION FACILITY.

2. GOA PLANS NEW THERMAL POWER PLANT FOR KABUL AREA, WHICH WOULD PREFERABLY BE FUELED BY GAS DISTILLATE OR LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG). IN ADDITION, GOA IS CONSIDERING PROMOTING LNG AS HEATING AND COOKING FUEL TO PRESERVE SCARCE WOOD RESOURCES. REFTEL RELATES A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING PETROCHEMICAL PLANT AND COKING PLANT, WHICH COULD BE FUELED BY LNG. GOA SEEKING A FIRM WHICH CAN DO COMPLETE TECHNOLOGICAL FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ALTERNATE USES OF GAS, RESULTING IN RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO PLANT LOCATION, CAPACITY AND MARKETING POTENTIAL OF LNG PLANT AS OPPOSED TO CONSTRUCTION OF PIPE-
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LINES AND/OR CONTINUED USE OF TRADITIONAL FUELS. IF RECOM-

MENDATION IS POSITIVE, GOA HOPES SAME FIRM WOULD BE PREPARED TO BUILD PLANT ON TURN-KEY BASIS, ALTHOUGH SEPARATE CONSULTANCY AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ACCEPTABLE TO GOA IF NECESSARY.

3. FINANCING SOURCE FOR PROJECT UNKNOWN BUT PRESUMED TO BE BILATERAL. IRAN, IRAQ AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE RECENTLY PLEDGED LARGE AMOUNTS OF AID.

4. POST URGES INTERESTED FIRMS WRITE TO:

ENGINEER M. HASHEM TOUFIQI
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KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

FIRMS ALSO ADVISED SEND COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE TO ECONOMIC SECTION, AMERICAN EMBASSY, KABUL, DEPT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, DC 20520.
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